

## SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICER LIST

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In Texas, special education due process hearings are conducted by impartial private practice attorneys and administrative law judges from the State Office of Administrative Hearings who meet the standards outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) and additional standards set by the Texas Education Agency. Below are the names of the current special education hearing officers and descriptions of their professional experience.

HEARING OFFICER	PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
<b>Craig Bennett</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1995. Graduate of Baylor University School of Law. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2000. Experience in administrative law, employment law, civil rights, mediation, and governmental liability. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Lucius D. Bunton</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1980. Graduate of the Southern Methodist University Law School. Experience in administrative law, employment law, mediation, civil litigation, and civil rights litigation. Contract special education hearing officer since 1982.
<b>Hunter Burkhalter</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1992. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2009. Experience in administrative law, mediation, and civil litigation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Mary Carolyn Carmichael</b>	Texas practicing attorney since May 1990. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Experience in public school law, public utilities law, administrative law, disability law, employment law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 1999.
<b>Sandra Garcia Huhn</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1991. Graduate of the University of Houston School of Law. Experience in administrative law, school law, elder law, and health care law. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Shannon Kilgore</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1988. Graduate of Harvard University Law School. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2000. Experience in administrative law, environmental law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Ann Vevier Lockwood</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1984. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Experience in civil litigation, employment law, civil rights law, employee grievance hearings, and mediation. Former classroom teacher. Contract special education hearing officer since 1990.
<b>Suzanne Marshall</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1984. Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2001. Experience in administrative law, civil litigation, employment law, civil rights law, education law, disabilities law, governmental law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.

<b>Sharon M. Ramage</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1992. Graduate of Baylor University School of Law. Experience in school law, family law, juvenile law, criminal law, appellate law, and mediation. Former social worker. Contract special education hearing officer since 2003.
<b>Lynn E. Rubinett</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1985. Graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Experience in civil litigation, civil rights law, labor and employment law, education law, disability rights law, administrative law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 1994.
<b>Brenda Rudd</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1982. Graduate of Texas Tech Law School. Experience in civil and criminal litigation, family law, administrative law, and mediation. Former classroom teacher. Contract special education hearing officer since 2003.
<b>Renee Rusch</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1993. Graduate of the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 1998. Also licensed to practice law in California. Experience in administrative law, contract law, disabilities law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Sherry Wetsch</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1991. Graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Law. Also licensed to practice law in Missouri and North Dakota. Experience in administrative law, school law, government law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.